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SUBJECT:LOS - GROUP OF 5 MEETING, MOSCOW, JANUARY 1978

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1. MANY THANKS FOR YOUR PROMPT REPORT ON THE FACILITIES
THAT WILL AND WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE IN JANUARY FOR THE US
DELEGATION TO THE G-5 MEETING. I OF COURSE FULLY APPRECIATE
THE DIFFICULTIES UNDER WHICH YOU ARE LABORING AND WILL LEAVE
IT TO YOUR GOOD JUDGMENT TO WORK OUT WHATEVER ARRANGEMENTS
SEEM REASONABLE TO YOU. I WELCOME YOUR OFFER TO HAVE THE
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EMBASSY LOS OFFICER JOIN THE DELEGATION AND ASSIST US
OTHERWISE.

2. WE HAVE HEARD NOTHING FURTHER FROM THE SOVIETS SINCE THEY
INVITED US AND OTHERS IN GENEVA TO ATTEND THE G-5 MEETING IN
QUOTE MID-JANUARY UNQUOTE. IN ORDER TO DO THE NECESSARY
PERSONNEL AND POLICY PLANNING FOR THE MEETING, IT WOULD BE

MOST USEFUL FOR US TO HAVE A MORE PRECISE IDEA OF THE TIMING OF AND PROPOSED AGENDA FOR THE MEETING. ALSO, WE WILL WANT TO KNOW WHETHER THE SOVIETS WISH TO HAVE BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS WITH US PRIOR TO THE G-5 MEETING, AS IS THE CUSTOM, AND WHAT THEIR PREFERRED AGENDA FOR BILATERALS MIGHT BE.

3. WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR PUTTING THESE QUESTIONS TO THE SOVIETS NOW RATHER THAN WAITING FOR THEM TO TAKE THE INITIATIVE, PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF THE NUMBER OF LOS COMMITMENTS THAT ARE BEGINNING TO PILE UP HERE AND ABROAD. THANK YOU AGAIN FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE.

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